

calls a constitutional convention at any time prior to then".

Delegate Wheatley.

DELEGATE WHEATLEY: Mr. Chairman, how would that apply to the provision for a referendum in line 6? Is this to presuppose that the call mentioned in the amendment of the General Assembly would also include the submission to referendum as the alternative method provided for in the Committee Recommendation on lines 6, 7, and 8? For example, if there was a referendum and the referendum was defeated would this then preclude this mandatory provision? I would think this would —

THE CHAIRMAN: I think your point is well taken, Delegate Wheatley. I think the correction was made too quickly. I think the change in line 6 should not have been made. Delegate Needle, would you concur?

DELEGATE NEEDLE: I think that is correct, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well. The modification should be then simply to strike from line 5 the word "governor". There is no other change. Thank you, Delegate Wheatley.

Is there any further discussion?

*(There was no response.)*

Are you ready for the question?

*(Call for the question.)*

The question arises on adoption of Amendment No. 5 as modified. The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

The question arises on adoption of Amendment No. 5 as modified to Committee Recommendation GP-8.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 5. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your votes.

Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 14 votes in the affirmative and 114 in the negative, the motion is lost. The amendment is rejected.

The next amendment will be Amendment H, H for how, it will be Amendment No. 6.

The Clerk will read the amendment.

READING CLERK: Amendment No. 6 to Committee Recommendation GP-8, by Delegates Needle, Hardwicke and Sollins: On page 1 in line 14 strike out the words "one year" and insert in lieu thereof the following words: "two years".

THE CHAIRMAN: The amendment having been submitted by Delegate Needle, seconded by Delegates Hardwicke and Sollins, the Chair recognizes Delegate Needle.

DELEGATE NEEDLE: Mr. Chairman, did you say this was amendment H or G?

THE CHAIRMAN: Sorry. I do not have G. This should be amendment G, that will be Amendment No. 6. The Clerk will read the amendment again.

Just a second. Let it stand and H will be 6 and we will come back to G. I do not think it will cause any problems.

DELEGATE NEEDLE: I think amendment H would be dependent upon passage of amendment G at least in part of one of its sentences.

THE CHAIRMAN: Very well. Please correct amendment G, that will be Amendment No. 6. The Clerk will read the amendment.

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DELEGATE NEEDLE: Mr. Chairman, this amendment changes from one year to two years the time during which a constitutional convention commission will have to do its work.

Note that a constitutional convention commission would be appointed within sixty days after a convention is called. It must then organize, conduct its research, its hearings, its deliberations, and print its recommendations, well before the election of delegates.

It would be impossible, I submit, to do all this within the time otherwise permitted by Committee Recommendation GP-8 which, if you figure carefully, would be approximately six months.